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SUBJECT: NPG STUDY ON IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE NPG STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL GET INTO SENSITIVE ISSUES, AND MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON ACCEPTANCE IN NATO OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR TACTICAL NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. THE U.S. SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY AND POLICY EXPERTISE TO THE EFFORT. MISSION PROVIDES IN PARAS. 2 THRU 7 BELOW SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE STUDY FOR USE BY WASHINGTON IN PREPARING U.S. VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. DATES IN PARENTHESES ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CIRCULATE U.S. VIEWS TO STUDY GROUP PARTICIPANTS PREFERABLY NO LATER THAN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH. WE SUGGEST REQUESTING COMMENTS OF STUDY GROUP PARTICIPANTS ON U.S. VIEWS BY 1 APRIL, FOLLOWED BY A MEETING IN BRUSSELS LATER IN APRIL OF REPS FROM NATO DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF STUDY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NPG STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL GET SECRET

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INTO SENSITIVE ISSUES OF NATO NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, POLICY, AND DOCTRINE. THE STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH CARE, SINCE IT COULD SERVE TO PAVE THE WAY FOR INTRODUCTION OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES WE NOW WISH TO MAKE, OR

GENERATE ACCEPTANCE IN NATO FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE. WE ENVISION THAT THE STUDY WILL BE COMPLEX AND RELATIVELY PROLONGED, AND WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY AND POLICY EXPERTISE TO THE EFFORT. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT AT THE ANKARA NPG MEETING, WE TOLD NPG MINISTERS THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION TO DEVELOP OR DEPLOY A NEW FAMILY OF WEAPONS, AND BEFORE THE U.S. MADE SO FUNDAMENTAL A DECISION, WE WOULD FULLY CONSULT WITH THE ALLIES IN NATO. THE NPG STUDY WE ARE INITIATING CAN, IN LARGE PART, CONSTITUTE CONSULTATIONS ON ANY IMPROVEMENTS WE MAY WISH TO MAKE.

2. SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF STUDY:

STATE I- ORGANIZATION AND DATA PREPARATION

A. INITIAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF STUDY (MARCH-MAY 1974)

- U.S. CIRCULATES VIEWS (MARCH).
- PARTICIPANTS CIRCULATE COMMENTS ON U.S. VIEWS.
- INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT NATO HQS., BRUSSELS, WITH REPS FROM PARTICIPATING NATO DELEGATIONS (APRIL).
- U.S. REFINES INITIAL VIEWS DRAWING ON COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
- POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT NATO HQS., BRUSSELS (MAY)
- B. FULL MEETING OF STUDY GROUP, WITH REPS FROM CAPITALS, AT NATO HQS. (JUNE)

- PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF BASIC INFORMATION AND DATA. (WE ENVISION THAT THE U.S. WOULD PRESENT A PAPER DESCRIBING NEW TECHNOLOGY AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS. WE BELIEVE THE PAPER SHOULD PARALLEL SECDEF'S BRIEFING AT THE NORWAY NPG MEETING, BUT PROBABLY BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED.)
 - IDENTIFICATION OF TASKS AND FACTORS TO BE STUDIED.
 - EXAMINATION OF ANALYTICAL APPROACHES/TECHNIQUES.
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- ORGANIZATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO CONDUCT STAGE II ANALYSES.

3. STAGE II-MILITARY ANALYSIS (JULY-DECEMBER 1974)

(SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS, SUGGESTED BELOW, COULD BE ORGANIZED TO DO DETAILED ANALYSIS. WE ENVISION WORKING GROUPS CONSISTING OF REPS FROM 3-4 COUNTRIES, AND REPS FROM APPROPRIATE NATO MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND OR POSSIBLE IMS. WE BELIEVE THE U.S. SHOULD PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY OR AS OBSERVER ON ALL WORKING GROUPS. THERE MIGHT BE OVERLAP IN SOME OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS, BUT THAT SHOULD POSE NO DIFFICULTIES, AND MIGHT

PROVIDE USEFUL COMPARISONS.)

WORKING GROUPS

- A. BATTLEFIELD USE.
- B. USE IN AN EXTENDED GEOGRAPHIC AREA.
- C. USE AT SEA.
- D. SPECIALIZED CATEGORIES AND PROBLEMS (AIR DEFENSE, ADM, SECURITY, MOBILITY, COMMAND AND CONTROL, REAL TIME TARGET ACQUISITION)

4. STAGE III-POLITICAL ANALYSIS (JANUARY-MARCH 1975)

(WE WOULD ENVISION A SINGLE WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT THE POLITICAL ANALYSIS. IT COULD BE HEADED BY THE U.S. AND INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, REPS FROM THE UK AND FRG. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR STAGES II AND III TO PROCEED IN PARALLEL TO SOME EXTENT.)
-ILLUSTRATIVE ASPECTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE POLITICAL ANALYSIS:

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- COMMAND AND CONTROL, TO INCLUDE POLITICAL CONTROL
- IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD
- IMPLICATIONS FOR COUPLING U.S. STRATEGIC DETERRENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE
- COLLATERAL DAMAGE
- DETERRENCE
- PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS

5. STAGE IV - SUMMARY EVALUATION (APRIL-JULY 1975)

A. FULL MEETING OF THE STUDY GROUP AT NATO HQS. (APRIL)

- REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL WORKING GROUP REPORTS (PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PROVIDE NATIONAL COMMENTS ON THE WORKING GROUP REPORTS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.)
- DESIGNATION OF A SUB-GROUP TO DRAFT FINAL REPORT

B. DRAFT FINAL REPORT

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(AGAIN, WE WOULD ENVISION A SMALL SUB-GROUP TO DRAFT THE FINAL REPORT. IT COULD CONSIST OF THE U.S. AS LEADER AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY ALLIES.)

C. FINAL MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY GROUP (JULY 1975)

- DISCUSS, REVISE AND APPROVE FINAL REPORT

D. NPG MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS FINAL REPORT AT THE FALL 1975 NPG MEETING.

6. ALL MEETINGS OF THE FULL STUDY GROUP SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AT NATO HQS. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED. MEETINGS OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL WORKING GROUPS COULD TAKE PLACE IN NATO CAPITALS. IN ADDITION, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE IN THE CASE OF THE MILITARY WORKING GROUPS TO CONSIDER ASSIGNING A MULTINATIONAL CORE GROUP OF MILITARY AND POLICY EXPERTS ON A FULL-TIME BASIS (POSSIBLY AT A NATO MILITARY HEADQUARTERS) TO CONDUCT DETAILED ANALYSES, ALONG THE LINES OF THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE CENTAG STUDY.

7. THE OTHER NPG COUNTRIES WILL BE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE INITIAL US VIEWS (VERSUS ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION) QUICKLY IN ORDER TO GET A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE STUDY GROUP IS ADDRESSING. (THEY DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR IDEA AT THE PRESENT TIME.) HOWEVER, CIRCULATION OF A U.S. PAPER PRIOR TO THE NORWAY NPG MEETING COULD DETRACT FROM THE IMPACT OF SECDEF'S BRIEFING. IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE, THEREFORE, FOR THE U.S. TO BE PREPARED TO CIRCULATE A PAPER SHORTLY AFTER THE NORWAY NPG MEETING.

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